

Efforts by the Sinclair broadcasting company to air controversial programming against Kerry the night before the presidential election is underhanded. For a vehicle that is supposed to be objective, this company is strongly biased and strategic in their programming. This programming does not serve the public interest as it is not an objective analysis of actual events, but a one-sided partisan push to discredit President Bush's opponent. Power and money seem to be controlling the airwaves at Sinclair broadcasting, not good journalism!

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.